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SUBJ: AFGHAN REQUEST FOR PL-480 TITLE I WHEAT

REF: A) KABUL 3054, B) STATE 099896, C) KABUL 2913

1. ALTHOUGH THE APRIL 27 COUP D'ETAT INTERRUPTED THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN OURSELVES AND THE PREVIOUS AFGHAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING THEIR REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL 50,000 MT OF PL-480 TITLE I WHEAT, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN (DRA) CONSIDERS THE REQUEST AS STILL VALID AND OUTSTANDING, AND WE HAVE BEEN ASKED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE REQUEST.

2. MISSION RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED REFTEL C REMAIN VALID, I.E., WE RECOMMEND AGAINST PROVIDING TITLE I ASSISTANCE AT THIS TIME. MOREOVER, PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DRA IN MAY SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT GRAIN STOCKS WERE SUFFICIENT TO MEET ANTICIPATED NEEDS. FYI: RECENT HEAVY RAINS MAY HAVE ADVERSELY AFFECTED THIS YEAR'S HARVEST, BUT WE ARE ONLY JUST BEGINNING AN ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION. END FYI. HOWEVER, WE ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLITICALLY EXPEDIENT TO GIVE A NEGATIVE ANSWER TO THE DRA UNTIL SOME OF OUR PENDING USAID PROJECTS GET ON THE TRACK, AND WE HAVE GIVEN SOME POSITIVE SIGNALS TO THE DRA IN THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AREA.

3. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER DEPARTMENT AND AID/W

AGREE WITH OUR ASSESSMENT AND WITH OUR SUGGESTED SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIALLY RESPONDING TO THE DRA. DECLAS 12-31-79.
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